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A FORM <sup>3406 d. 9</sup>  
OF  
PRAYER  
AND  
THANKSGIVING,

For the signal Victory obtained through the Blessing  
of ALMIGHTY GOD by His Majesty's Ships of  
War, under the Command of Admiral *Duncan*,  
over the *Dutch* Fleet, on *Wednesday*, the Eleventh  
of *October* 1797.

TO BE USED

At Morning and Evening Service,  
After the GENERAL THANKSGIVING,

Throughout the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*,  
and elsewhere within the Bills of Mortality, on  
*Sunday* the Twenty-ninth of *October* 1797, and in  
all Churches and Chapels throughout *England* and  
*Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, on  
the First *Sunday* after the Ministers thereof receive  
the same, and on the Two *Sundays* following.

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By His Majesty's Special Command.

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O GOD, our Defence and Strength, the Helper of all who put their Trust in Thee, who alone givest Victory unto Kings, and savest Thy Servants from the Peril of the Sword; We acknowledge it to have been of Thy unspeakable Goodness, not of our merit, that, in numberless instances, many of which our Eyes have witnessed, Thy Arm, stretched out in times of Danger, hath wrought Deliverance for this Land. But more especially at this Time are we bound to praise Thee for the late signal instance of Thy Mercy, in that Thou hast vouchsafed to bless the Arms of our Sovereign with Success, in the discomfiture of a numerous Host of a great and mighty Foe.

*Howley*

Continue, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to go forth with our Fleets and Armies. Inspire, as hitherto Thou hast done, the Leaders with Wisdom and Courage, and the Men with Intrepidity. Support them in the hour of Danger with the Recollection, that the Battle is for more than Gain or Glory—for Religion and for Public Liberty, for the Independence of their Country, for the Rights of Civil Society, for the Maintenance of every Ordinance, Divine and Human, essential to the well-being of Man.  
And

And for those, whom in this Righteous Cause Thy Providence permits to fall, Receive, we pray Thee, their Souls to Thy Mercy; and be Thou, O Lord, the Friend and the Father of their Widows and their Orphans.

Fill the hearts of us, who live to taste Thy Goodness here, with the devoutest Gratitude to Thee. Unite us in Zeal for Thy Truth, in Loyalty to the King, and in the Bonds of brotherly Love and Charity one toward another. Especially give us Grace not to be elated with Prosperity, but in the Season of Triumph, no less than in Adversity, to look up to Thee, and to walk humbly with our God. And, if it be Thy gracious Will, grant that the heart of the Enemy may be softened by Defeat, touched with Remorse and Penitence, and brought back to the acknowledgement of Thy Divine Providence, that so, they may henceforth desist from their pursuits of unjust ambition, and all nations in meekness submitting to the guidance of Thy holy Law, the World may be delivered by Thy Mercy from the Scourge of War and of civil insurrection; that we of this Land and all Thy People, may, as we are most bounden, give Thee Thanks and Praise for ever, through Jesus Christ Thine only Son, our Lord. *Amen.*



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